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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 13323

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TAGS: PBOR, KE, ET, SO  
SUBJECT: MILITARY OPERATIONS IN KENYAN/ETHIOPIAN BORDER AREA

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 3692, (B) MOGADISCIO 2025 (NOTAL)

1. SENIOR MOD OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT KENYANS AND EHTIOPIANS HAVE DISCUSSED COORDINATED MILITARY ACTIVITY IN BORDER AREA BUT TO DATE HAVE NOT ACTED BECAUSE OF ETHIOPIAN CONCENTRATION IN ERITREA. GOK OFFICIAL SPECIFIED THAT KENYAN MILITARY PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN BEING READY INTERCEPT SOMALI FORCES WHICH MIGHT RETREAT INTO KENYA IN WAKE OF ANY INCREASED ETHIOPIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN SIDAMO AREA.

2. MOD OFFICIAL WOULD NOT CONFIRM THAT SOMALI TROOPS OR INSURGENTS RECENTLY CORSED INTO KENYAN TERRITORY ALTHOUGH HE SAID GOK WELL AWARE OF SOMALI ACTIVITIES ACROSS BORDER. HOWEVER, HE DID ADMIT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SMALL FIRE FIGHTS WITH SHIFTA IN BORDER AREA. (FYI: CATTLE RUSTLING, THEFT AND EVEN MURDER ARE PART OF LOCAL FOLKLORE ALONG ETHIOPIAN/KENYAN BORDER AND ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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GENERALLY DISTINCT FROM ANY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED INSURGENCY ACTIVITY.)

3. WE WOULD AGREE WITH SOMALI SOURCE CITED IN REFTTEL B THAT AFP STORY OF SOMALI TROOPS CROSSING INTO KENYA IS FALSE. ONLY RECENT ACTION WE CAN ACCOUNT FOR WAS AUGUST 22 SMALL FIRE FIGHT BETWEEN GOK POLICE AND SOME

SHIFTA IN WHICH POLICE TOOK SOME LOSSES.

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